

CHAPTER XV.

CHASING THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

The spirit which led Jason of old in search of a golden fleece, is still dominant in the human breast. But with the report of the Dominions Poyal Commission before us, we should no longer chase the golden fleece of government-ownership: we need no longer speculate what railway nationalisation may be; for evidence presented by this commission has shewn us exactly what has been and what is, under government-ownership in a country like our own. Our common sense should tell us whether we want Australian conditions applied to Canada. The legend runs that Jason brought back the golden fleece, but it, like the story of the nationalisers, is only a fairy tale. Rest assured, if Jason found a fleece at all, it was only a common pelt, tub-washed after shearing.